

Regulatory / Policy Subcommittee 11-28-07

1. **First Meeting Date:** mid to late January

2. **Group Members Present:**

Aaron Bell – Central Midlands COG

Robbie Brown – SC DHEC

Joe Cronin – Richland County

Tommy Flynn – SC DHEC

Jessica Hekter - FHWA

Valerie Hutchinson – Richland County Council

Melinda Mathias – SC DHEC

John Sharpe – City of Cayce

Mike Sullivan – SC DOT

Sidney Varn, Jr. – City of West Columbia

3. **Leader:** Joe Cronin

4. **Additional Stakeholders:**

Elected officials and staff representing each local government

Industry

School districts

Home builders

Chamber of Commerce

COG

SC DOT (state and local)

FHWA

Legislative Delegation

Municipal Association

Association of Counties

Citizen Representatives (KAB)

Fort Jackson

5. **Ideas discussed:**

- Develop a regional approach to clean air – uniformly apply across the region
 - Ask councils to appoint sub-committee
- Open burning ordinance
- Hybrid vehicles – government entities work together in purchasing; currently only a few on contract; working together may enable competitive pricing/bids
- Energy Efficiency
- Funding – Richland and Lexington both have addressed environmental fees
- Local Government Air Quality Improvement Policies – both Richland and Lexington have adopted such
- CMAQ funding – while not appropriated for this area, the SC DOT has used funding for emergency assistance vehicles helping to alleviate congestion
- COG will assist in researching ordinances/policies already in place